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If every man, woman and child in this vicinity would only take one spoonful of

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The Weekly Ledger

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A NEW JAIL should be built during 1917.

It will pay you to grow more chickens and poultry.

MEXICO should be the poultry and dairy center of Missouri.

WAKE up and help develop the poultry and dairy interests of Audrain during 1917.

COOL ROOSEVELT, having explained the election, may consider itself officially explained.

THE campaign of 1920 may be regarded as regularly opened on the day after the inauguration, if not sooner.

THE warning of the fable against putting all your eggs in one basket has no meaning for the Chicago man who uses a cold storage plant instead of a basket.

A COMET, which will be visible next spring, is flying toward the sun at a speed over a million miles a day. It is a relief to reflect that a comet does not carry an aviator.

GOVERNOR MAJOR has appointed Dr. G. F. Munn, of Montgomery county, as member of board of censors of the State University to succeed Dr. J. C. Parish, of Vandeventer, whose term expires. This appointment is for six years.

WITH alcohol barred in Russia and put on the limits in Germany, with a prohibition sweeping Britain, and with the "dry" army in America looking seriously to the conquest of New York, it seems that John Barleycorn should be next to make a noise like a peace proposal.

THE name of H. D. Llewellyn was accidentally left out of the published list of hosts at the Commercial Club supper Friday.

Mr. Llewellyn is not only interested in the growth of this organization, but gives much of his time toward the financial end, being treasurer since the club's organization.

PROSPERITY OF CITIES DEPENDS ON PROSPERITY OF FARMERS.

THERE is no question but what, especially in agricultural communities, the prosperity of the villages, towns, and cities, depends on the prosperity of the farmer, and along this line the Armstrong, Mo. Her all editorially says:

"During the most important twenty years that the Herald has been on its present management this paper has always championed those things that it thought were for the best interests of the farmer, and we continue to do so as long as we control the paper. All prosperity depends upon the prosperity of the farmer—when the farmer fails then business is bad for everybody. The lot of the farmer while not so hard as in years of the long ago when so much of the work had to be done by hand that is now done by machinery, and yet with all that the farmer works at the best is hard, and he must sell his products at what the other fellow is willing to pay him, and has no way of fixing prices like the paper trust, the oil trust and the other big commercial organizations of the country that can fix prices to suit themselves and command the public to pay just what they ask for their products."

THE PROPER SPIRIT.

The interest and enthusiasm displayed by Mexico business men at the Hotel Hoxsey, Thursday evening, made it evident to any doubter that Mexico wants a good, live organization of this character and that it will receive the proper support, under the direction of President Malone and Secretary Puffington the club will be conducted on a business basis, efficient and with a view to the interests of all.

There are a number of most important matters, some especially pertaining to factoring, that are being taken up by the club's immediate attention. Mr. Malone says the club will work principally along constructive lines with a view of securing at least one good factory in the coming twelve-month. There are other minor matters that must be fostered and aided in the growth of our community which will receive due attention.

The year 1917 promises to be one of signal progress and development in this city and the goal of 25,000 population in 10 years can be achieved if every citizen will go his part toward the work outlined.

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CHRISTMAS RIFLE KILLS 15 YEAR OLD CADET MARTIN

William Martin accidentally shot by Guards Vieling, late Thursday afternoon at M. M. A.

BOTH ST. LOUIS STUDENTS

Commandant Had Just Called for All Firearms to be Turned in in Order to Prevent Accidents.

While William Martin was showing a fellow cadet, of the Missouri Military Academy, Guards Vieling, his 12 rifle late Thursday afternoon, the weapon was accidentally discharged, killing Young Martin almost instantly.

The school has a strict rule against students having firearms in their rooms and the Commandant had just issued an order that they be turned in for his keeping during the term. The boys were cleaning the rifle preparatory to fulfilling this order when the accident occurred. The weapon was a Christmas gift to Martin.

Martin, who was 15 years old, was a son of W. F. Martin, 1815 Castleman street, St. Louis. Young Vieling, 1915, 2025 Michigan avenue, the same city. Immediately following his wounding, Martin was rushed to the hospital by Col. Burton in a motor car, but died from an internal hemorrhage before they arrived. The discharge from the gun entered his right breast.

The coroner's inquest was held at Roberts' Undertaking Rooms at 8 o'clock Friday morning. The inquest was delayed awaiting the return of Coroner E. W. Berry, who was in St. Louis. Young Martin's father, William F. Martin, Sr., came from St. Louis for the inquest.

The jury, composed of John T. Ricketts, foreman; Dr. T. Moore, Roy Mitchell, Ben Elliott, Ralph Buckner and Kenneth Sanford returned a verdict that William Martin died by the death of an accidental gunshot wound from a 22 calibre rifle in the hands of Guards Vieling.

The body was sent to St. Louis early Friday morning, where the funeral was held Saturday.

THE CONTEST FOR GOVERNOR

LIEUT. GOV. PAINTER, appointing the committee composed of Senators Morton, Welch and Gardner and Representatives Harris, Hestetter, Hestetter, Bridges and Sprague, to which the contest of John Lamm for the office of Governor of Missouri to which Col. Fred Gardner was elected, is to be referred, said in brief:

"I see no reason to waste time and money in this contest. I do not believe it is filled in good faith or with any expectation of success. I am informed that one of the principal reasons for filing the contest is that it would postpone the time when a prominent Republican must pay thousands of dollars to be bet on the election."

"If the contest is gone into thoroughly the cost to the State will be fully \$150,000. It does not seem to me that, considering the financial condition of the State, the Legislature would be justified in expending that amount of money on a contest for which no greater demand is made than is made for this one."

SEATTLE'S YEAR OF PROHIBITION

THE Kansas City Times editorially says:

Prohibition has been in force one year in the State of Washington. The Spokesman-Review, leading newspaper of the City of Spokane, in its issue of December 31, gives nearly two pages to answering the question: "Has prohibition paid in Spokane?"

It reviews the business conditions and sums up the situation under two large headlines. One says: "Banks, Wholesalers, Retail Men and Amusement Men, Tell the Same Story, That Business is Better." The other headline is: "Four Million Dollars Saved for Spokane Pockets by Dry Laws."

In 1915 Spokane, with a population of 165,000, had 160 saloons which took in an average of \$75 a day for \$12 days. Add to this the business done by breweries and liquor supply houses to private homes and the amount is \$2,800,000 which Spokane spent for beer and booze in 1915.

The Spokesman-Review estimates in 1916 there was illegally sold in Spokane by bootleggers at an average of \$7.50 a gallon, about \$700,000 worth of booze. This taken from the total of \$1,200,000 in 1915 makes a total saving of \$450,000 in the first year of prohibition.

"This," says Spokesman-Review, "means a saving of \$35 per capita, or about \$100 for the average head of a family. This \$450,000 would pay the costs of running the city government nearly three times over. Spokane's savings on booze alone would pay all the taxes levied for all purposes in a whole year."

The average number of inmates in the county infirmary, or poor house, dropped from 172 in 1915 to 117 in 1916, and there was a net saving of \$6,000 in the cost of operation in 1916. In 1915 120 cases of delirium tremens were handled by the county physician, and only eleven were handled in 1916. It cost \$35,000 less to administer the jail, courts, infirmary, and indigent relief in 1916 than in 1915.

The record of arrests shows drunkenness to have decreased 49 per cent, vagrancy 27 per cent and disorderly conduct 31 per cent in 1916.

"One-half as many burglaries were committed during the dry year as were committed in 1915, one-third as many forgeries, less than one-half the petty larcenies, less than one-third the petty larcenies. When in 1915 with the saloons running, desperate men took away money to get money, there were 430 cases of burglary, robbery, forgery and larceny combined. In 1916 with the city dry, there was a combined total of 166 such offenses, a reduction of 62.2 percent," says the newspaper.

And yet there are men who argue that prohibition is a hindrance instead of a help.

EVEN the wise ones are wondering as to the significance in noting that with the opening of the Missouri legislative sessions, the Mexico Ledger prints a daily prayer in its editorial columns. — The Kansas City Times.

With Metropolitan News.

E. O. Brinkman, who has been with the Robertson Hardware Co. for the past four years, has resigned to accept a position in the city with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. He takes the place recently vacated by Roy Harris who has gone to Minneapolis. Mr. Brinkman is a capable young business man and will make good in his new position. The Ledger joins his friends in wishing him continued success.

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Young Women From This City, Studying to Be Nurses in St. Louis Hospital, Successful.

AID IN NEW BIRTH METHOD

Assistant Physicians in Giving Drug Whose Success is Still a Matter of Contention.

Twilight Sleep, whose efficiency in child-birth is still a matter of contention among the physicians in being administered frequently in St. Louis and Mexico girls, who are studying to become trained nurses in the great hospitals of that city, are among those nurses who are aiding in this wonderful work.

In the Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, where Twilight Sleep is administered in several cases a month at least the following Mexico girls are receiving their training as nurses: Misses Minnie Stallings, Ruth Clark, Polly Powell, Lily and Clara Taylor, Miss Mable Stange, a former Barnes Hospital student, is another taking the nurses course. Miss Mable Stange is studying to be a nurse in the St. Louis City Hospital.

Miss Stallings has assisted in the administration of Twilight Sleep a number of times, as have other of the training of every young woman who takes the nursing course at Barnes, which is one of the greatest institutions of its kind in the world in both size and efficiency.

"Twilight Sleep," a fantastic translation of "Dummeschlaf," is a method of painless childbirth practiced at Froberg in Germany by the great surgeons König and Gauss. It has been introduced into this country in the last three years and is but a development of a very old practice enriched by modern scientific research.

The semi-darkness of the "twilight chamber" is penetrated by no sound. The doctor and his attendants have the ticking of a watch, the rhythmic drip of water, the sharp tone of a voice would disturb the necessary tranquility, the conditions called "twilight sleep," which developed the memory of pain. The sub-conscious mind of a soporific subject is still active, but there is no knowledge in the mind of the patient of what occurs while under its influence.

The dispensary feature of the students work always proves especially interesting according to Miss Stallings. The dispensary at Barnes, in which several Mexico physicians have worked, is free to the public. It is where the poor receive medical attention and undergo minor operations. The physician in charge are young men who work without pay for the experience. The clerical work is done by young society women who give their time as the work is purely a charitable one. Hundreds are treated daily in the dispensary.

All of the Mexico girls who are studying to become trained nurses are enthusiastic over their work and are making splendid headway in their training courses. The course requires three years of work and as soon as they develop sufficiently they are placed in charge of patients under the direction of a graduate nurse who supervises their work.

There is little time for pleasure, although there is some social life for the students. Between duty in the wards and waiting on private patients and attending classes, lectures and operations their time is fully occupied. There is special building for the nurses to live in and they have their social hours during stated periods of the week.

ANDRAN MAN RELEASED.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 8. — Gov. Elliott W. Major Saturday granted unconditional pardons to ninety-two young men, who were first offenders, and ordered their immediate release. It was said by prison officials that the number was the largest ever released at one time in this state.

Frederic Stone, of Audrain County, under a two years sentence for burglary, was one of the young men released.

Before banding the young convicts their pardons, the governor made the speech to them in which he said that he wanted to make his last official act "one touching the human side of life."

"An unguarded moment you missed the way and crossed the narrow line dividing good from evil," he said.

The number pardoned exceeds the number of children paroled by Missouri governors during the past twenty years. The men were picked by the Pardon Board, and their ages when imprisoned ranged between 17 and 21.

GOING TO DES MOINES

Mrs. C. A. Hammond, of this city, one of Mexico's brightest and most capable women, has accepted the position of financial secretary of the Christian Church in Des Moines, Ia., of which the Rev. W. A. Shullenger is pastor. Mr. Shullenger was formerly pastor of the Mexico Christian Church.

Mrs. Hammond departs the middle of the month to take charge of her work. She returned from Des Moines Monday night, where she went to complete arrangements for accepting the position. Mrs. Hammond's departure will be a distinct loss to club circles in Mexico as she is not only popular, but active in all movements for the improvement of the city. The Ledger joins her many friends in Mexico in regretting her departure and in wishing her much success.

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